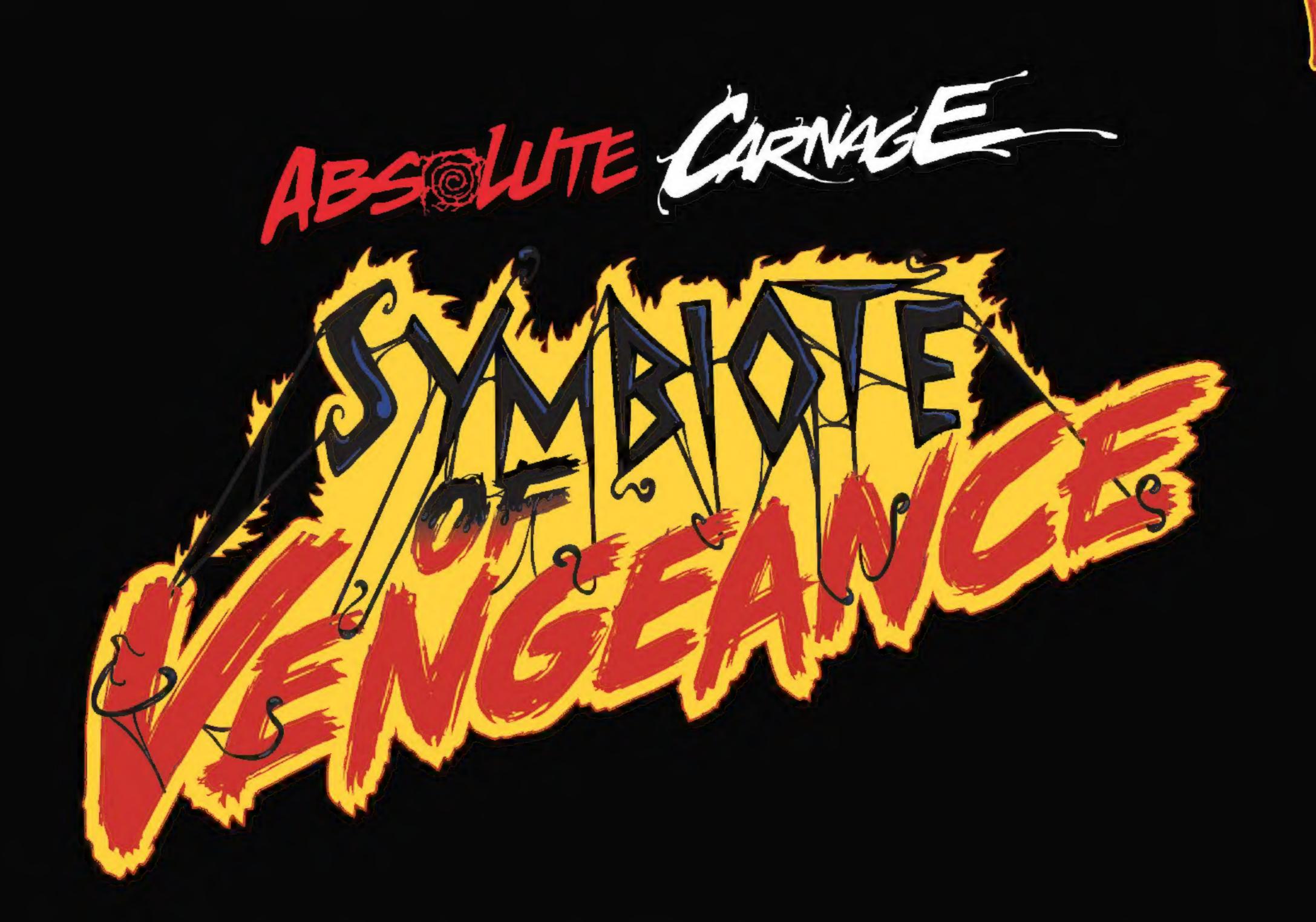


YEARS AGO, AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL PARASITE CALLED VENOM WAS BROUGHT TO EARTH. OVER TIME, IT BONDED WITH MANY HOSTS, LEAVING BEHIND A TINY PIECE OF ITS GENETIC MATERIAL CALLED A CODEX. WHOEVER UNIFIES THE CODICES WILL BE GRANTED A CONDUIT TO THE SYMBIOTE GOD KNULL-AND IMMENSE POWER!

NOW, THE BLOODTHIRSTY SYMBIOTE KNOWN AS CARNAGE HAS RETURNED TO HUNT DOWN AS MANY CODICES AS POSSIBLE AND EXTRACT THEM WITH DEADLY FORCE!



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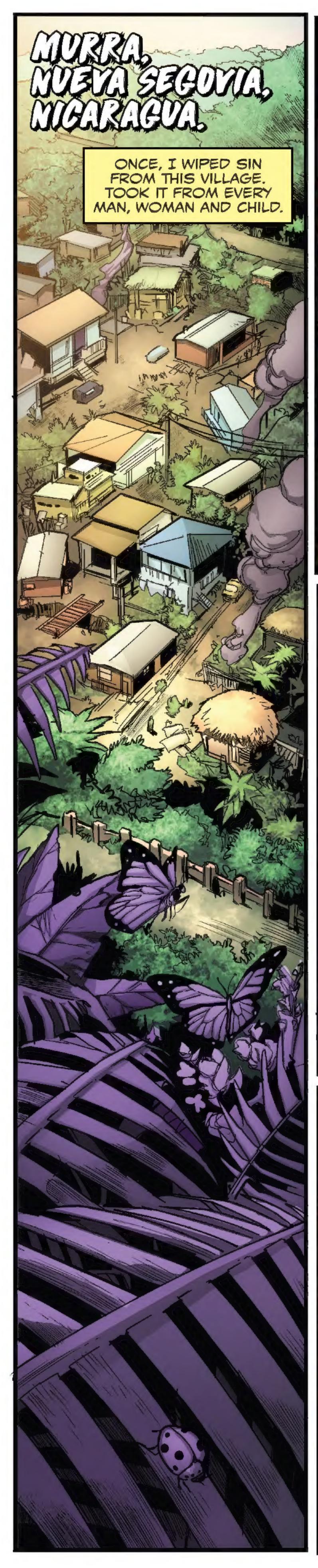
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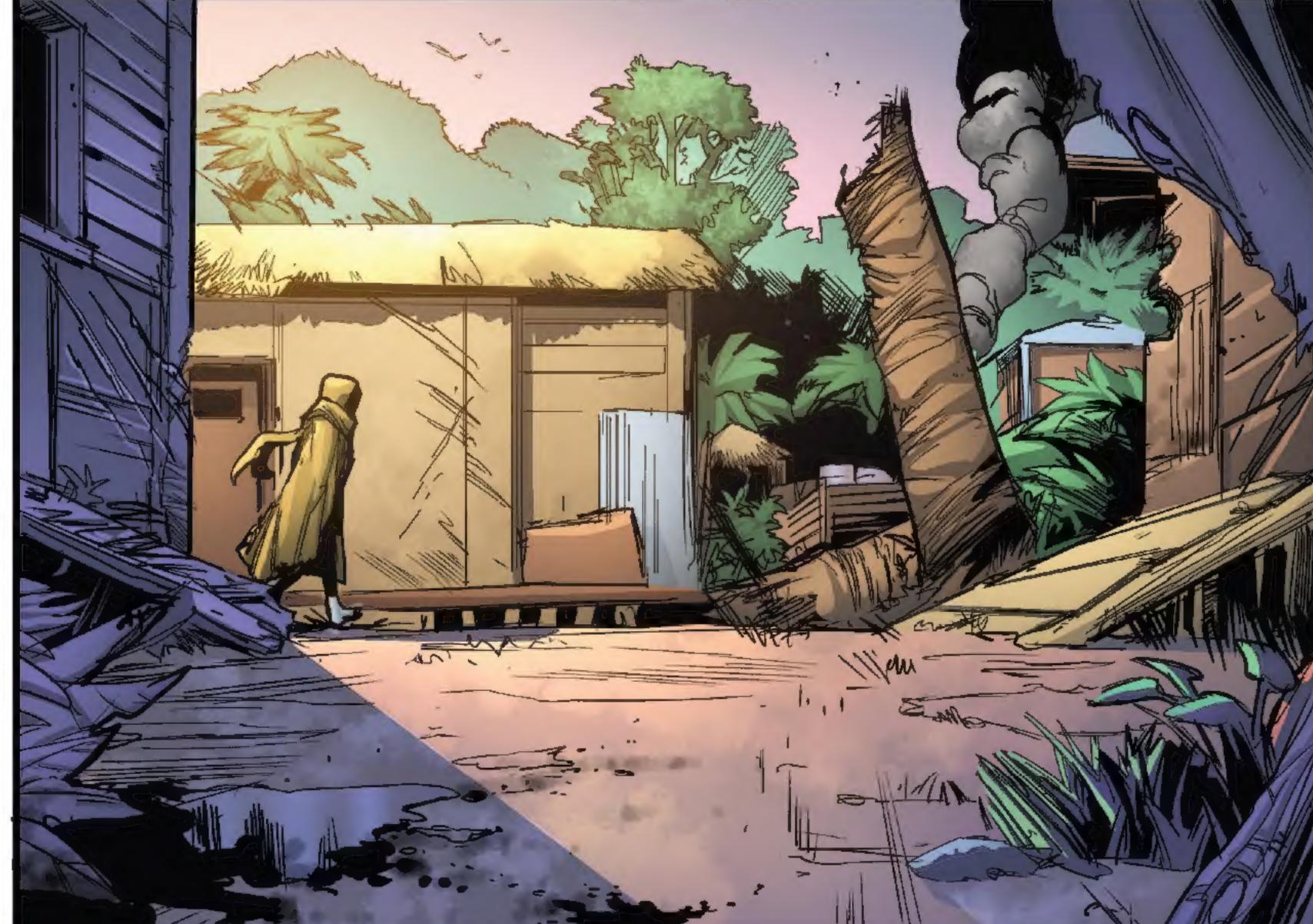
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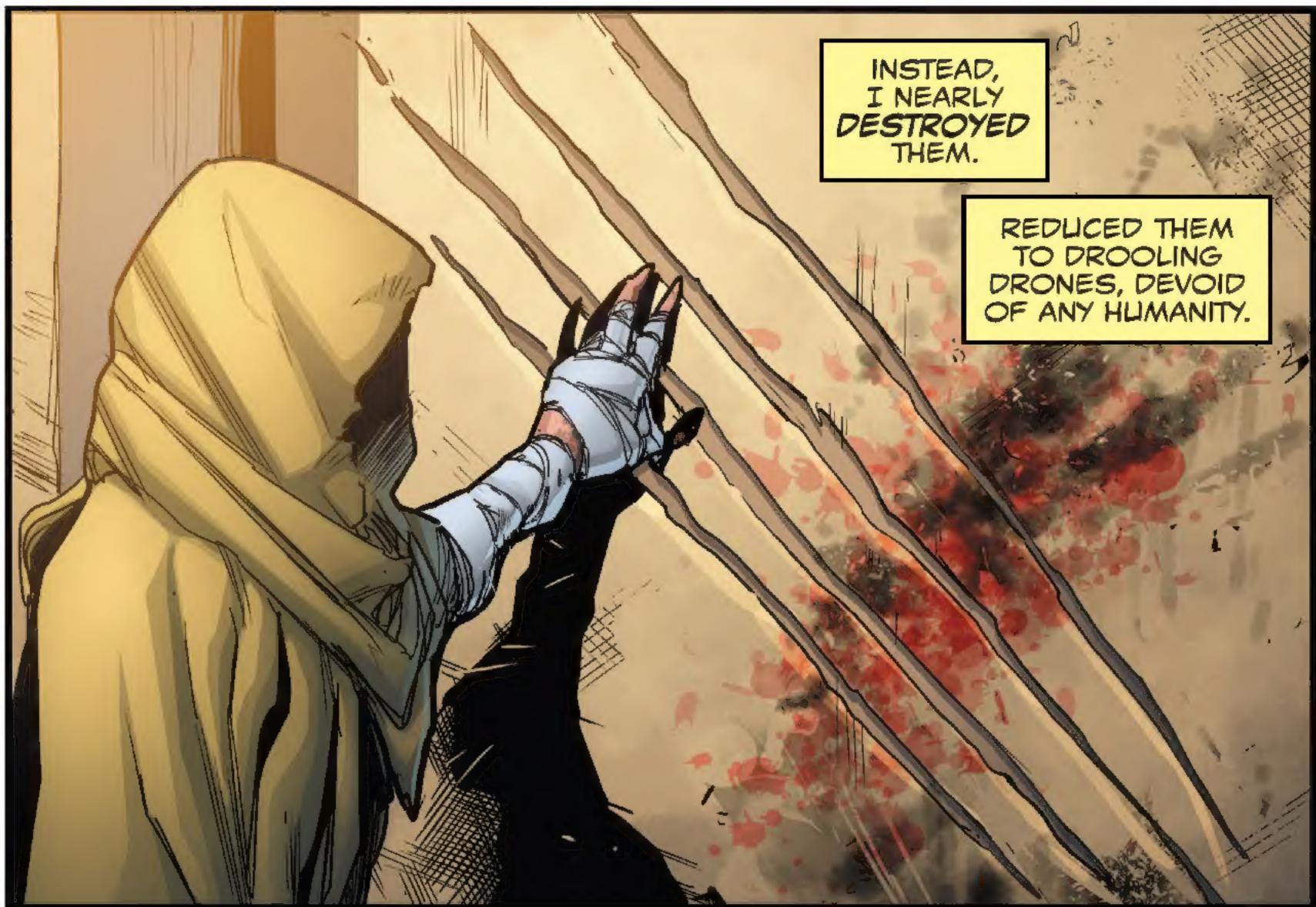
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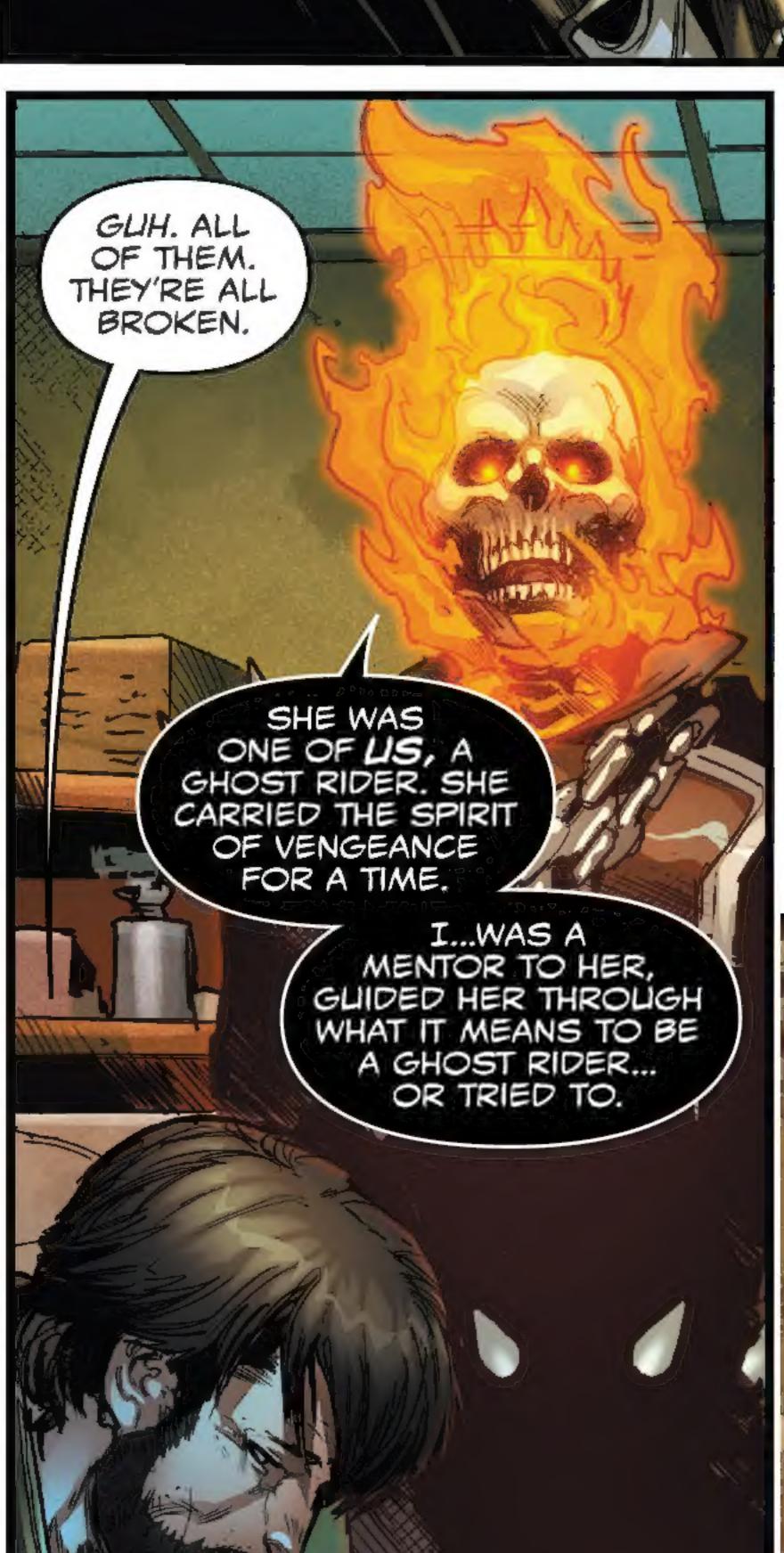


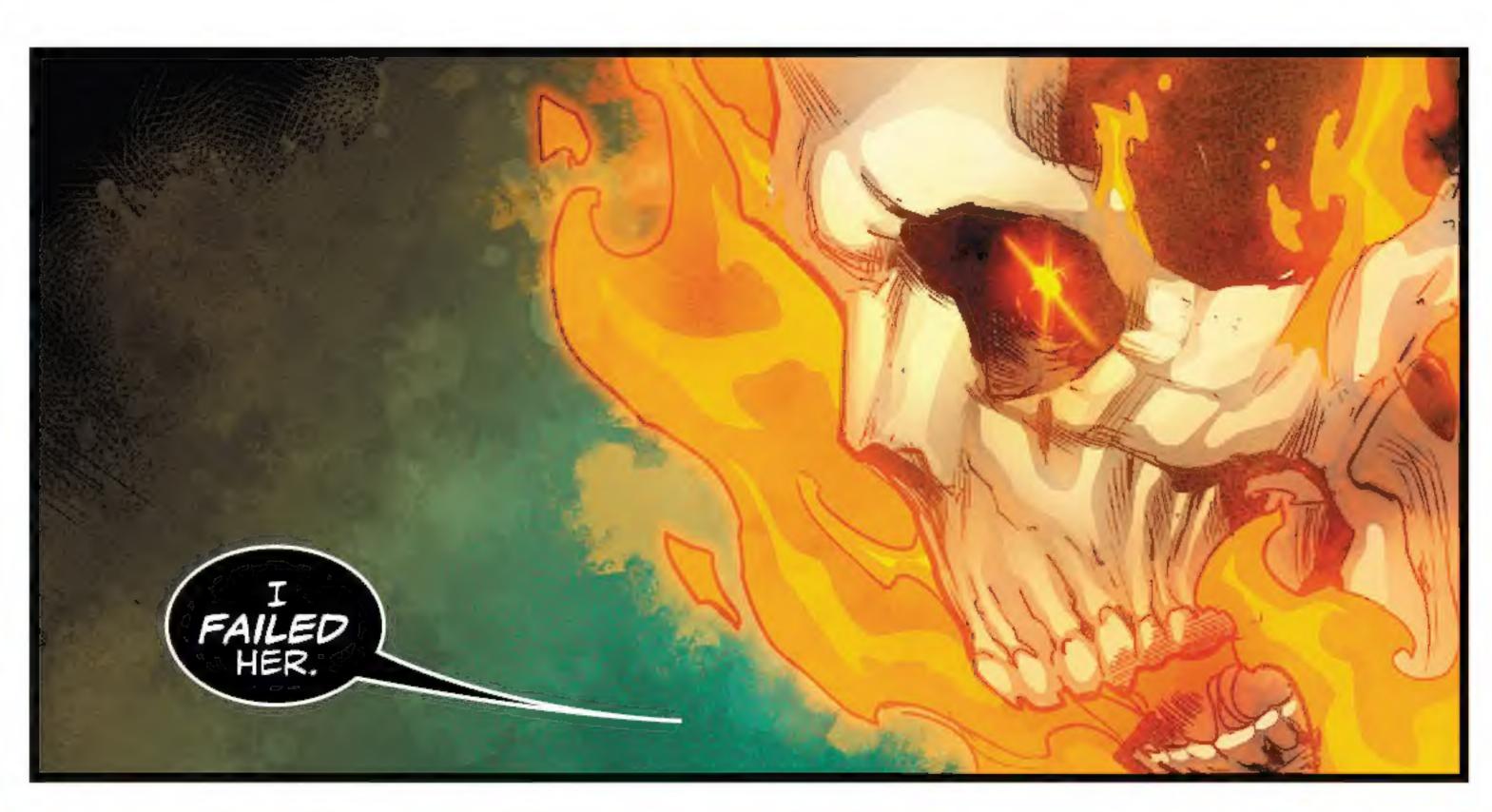




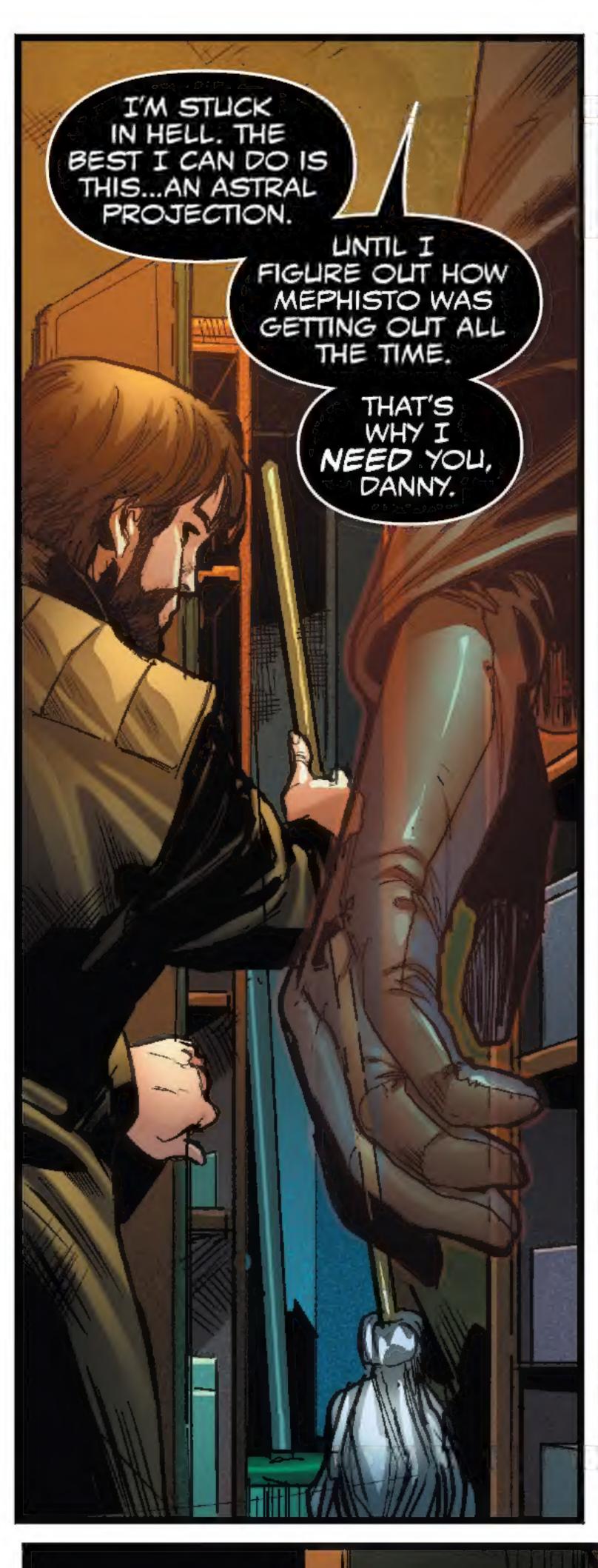










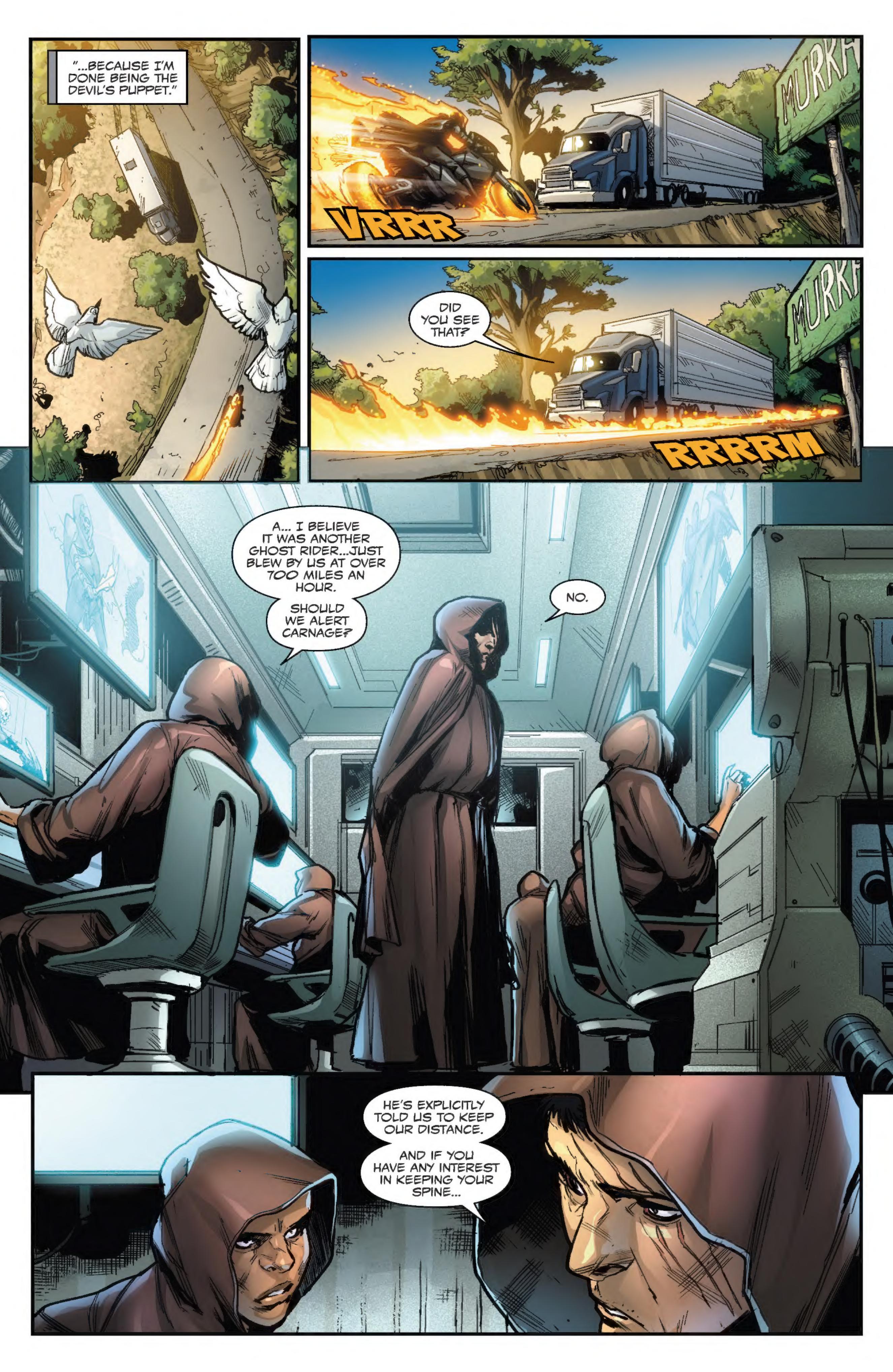


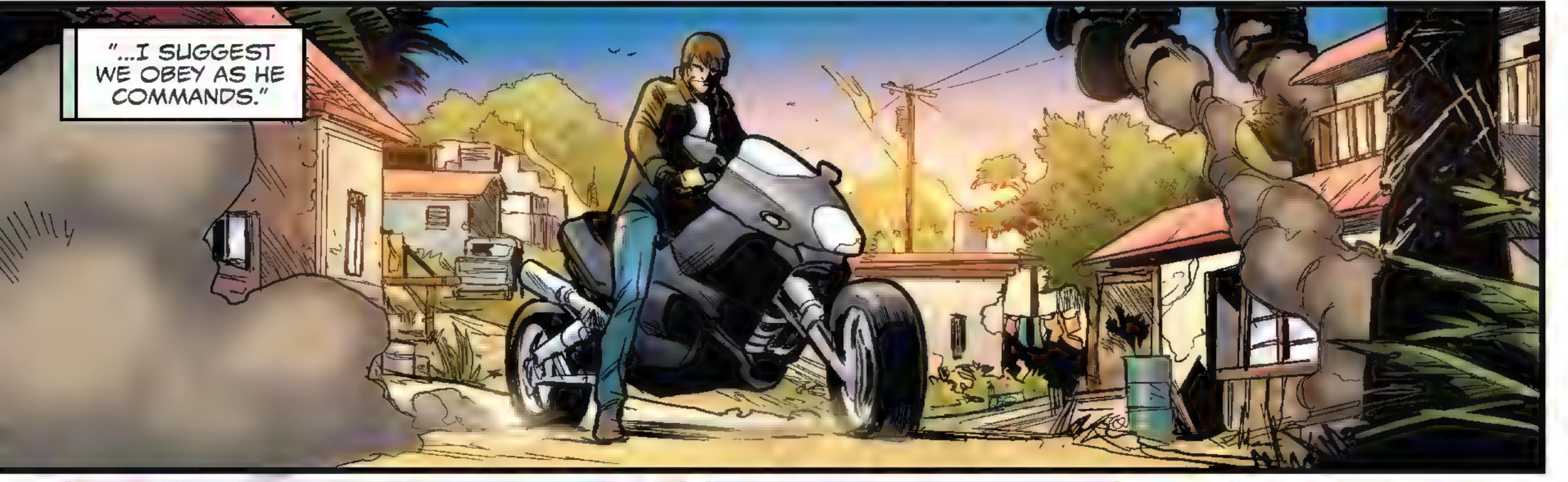




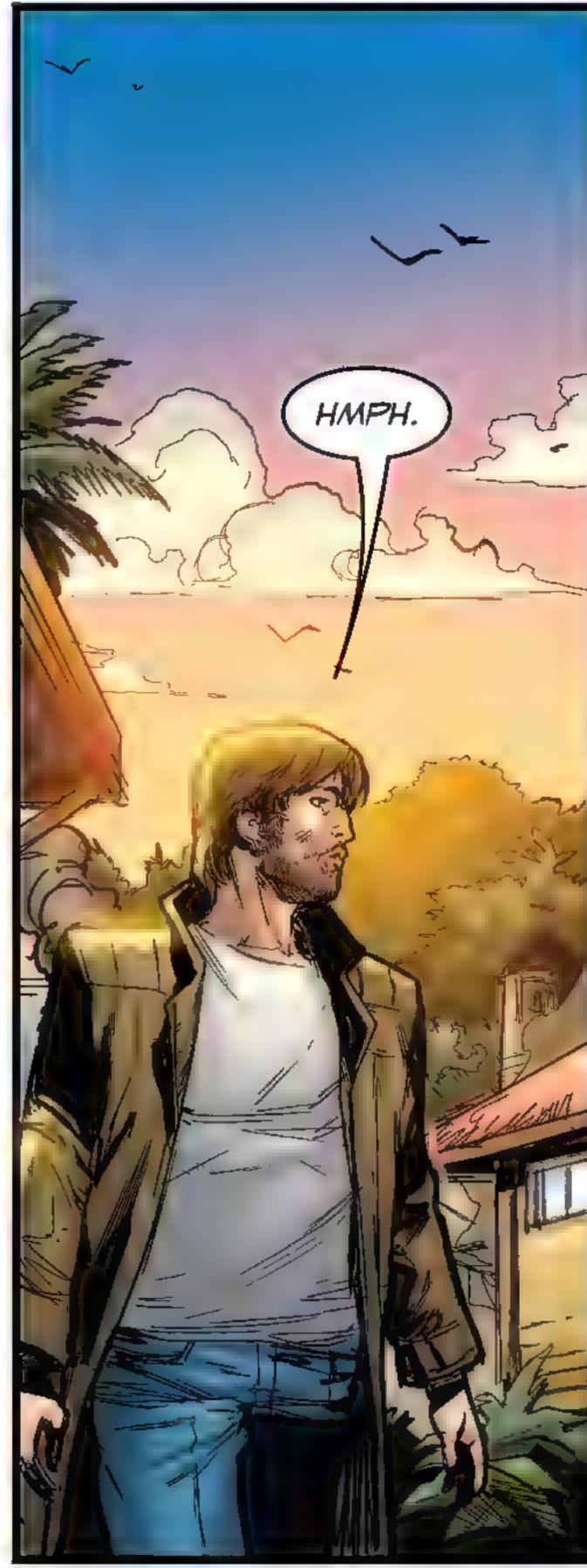




























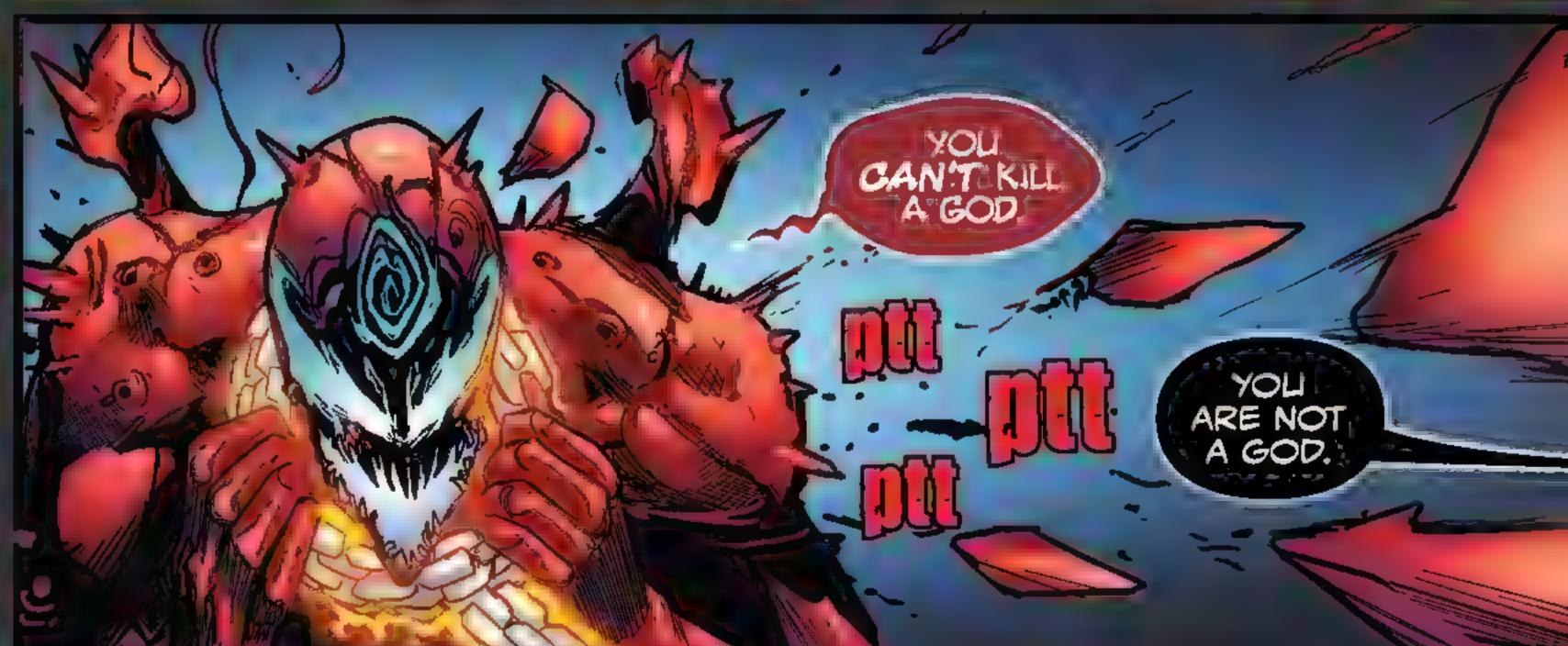
















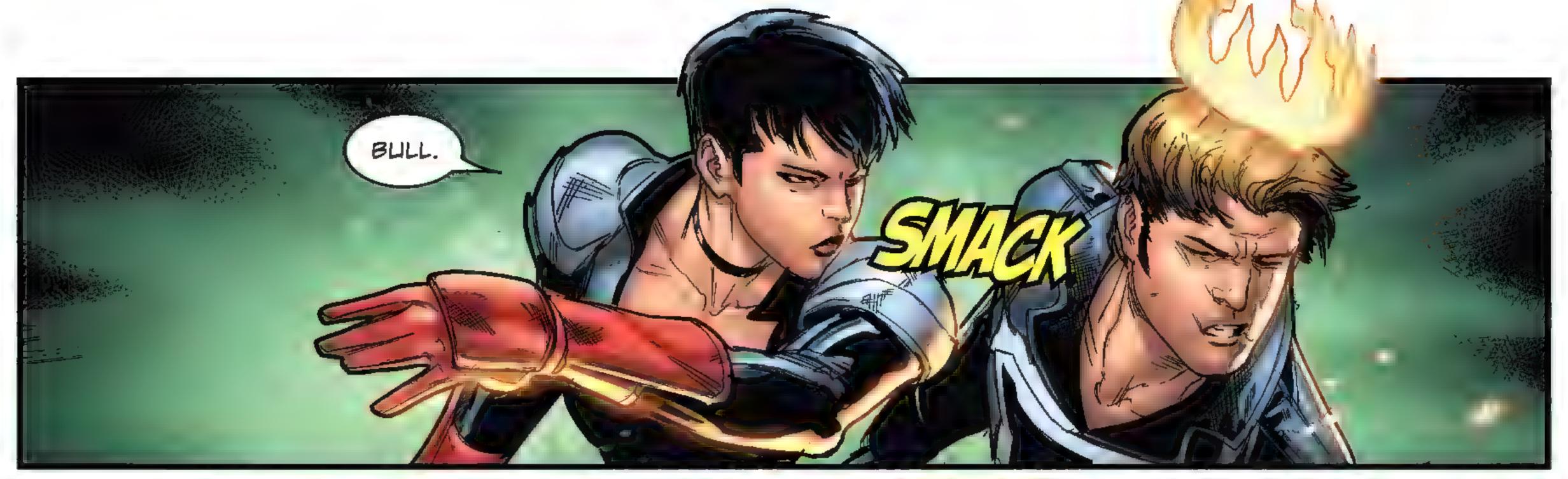


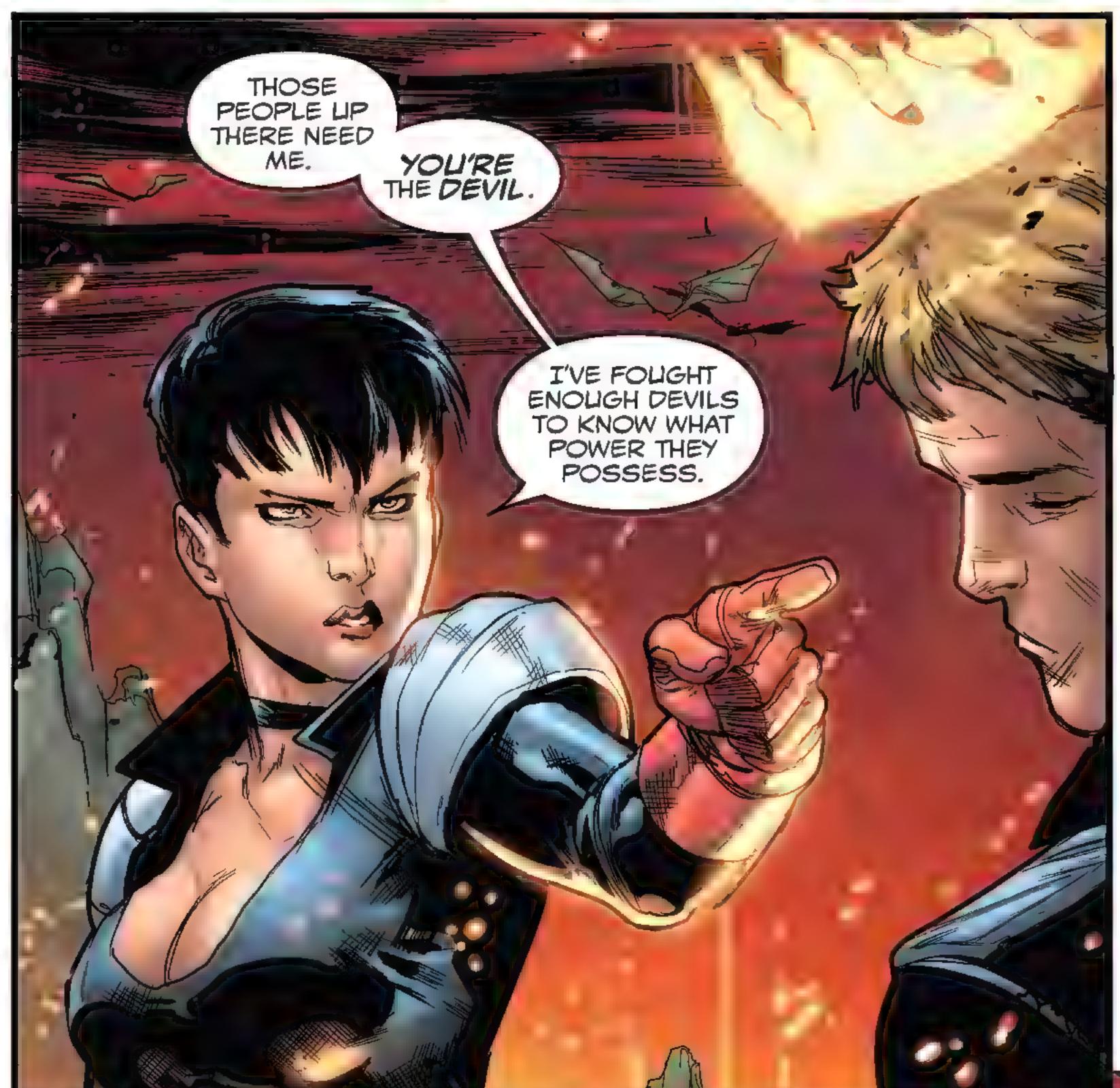




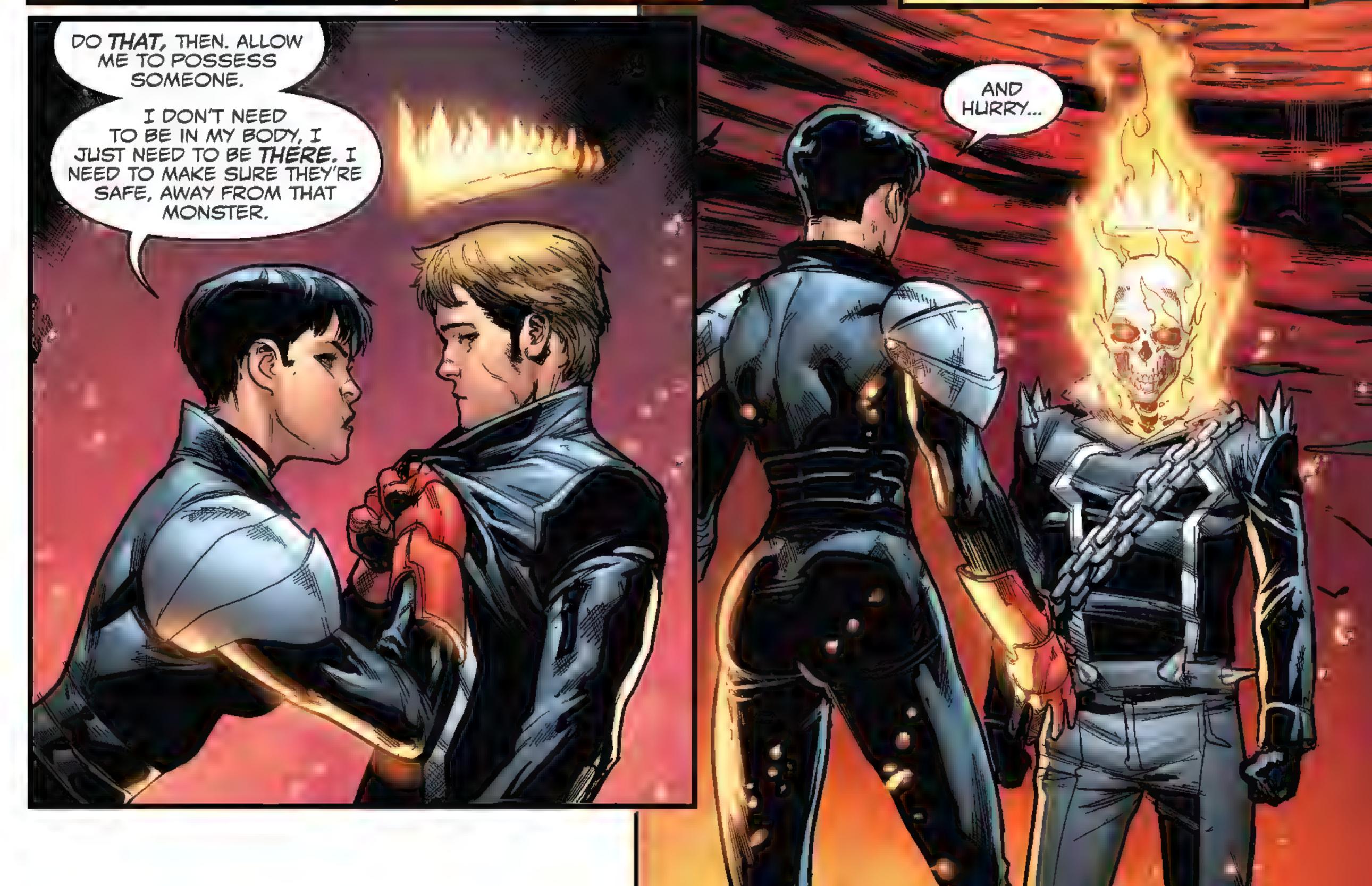










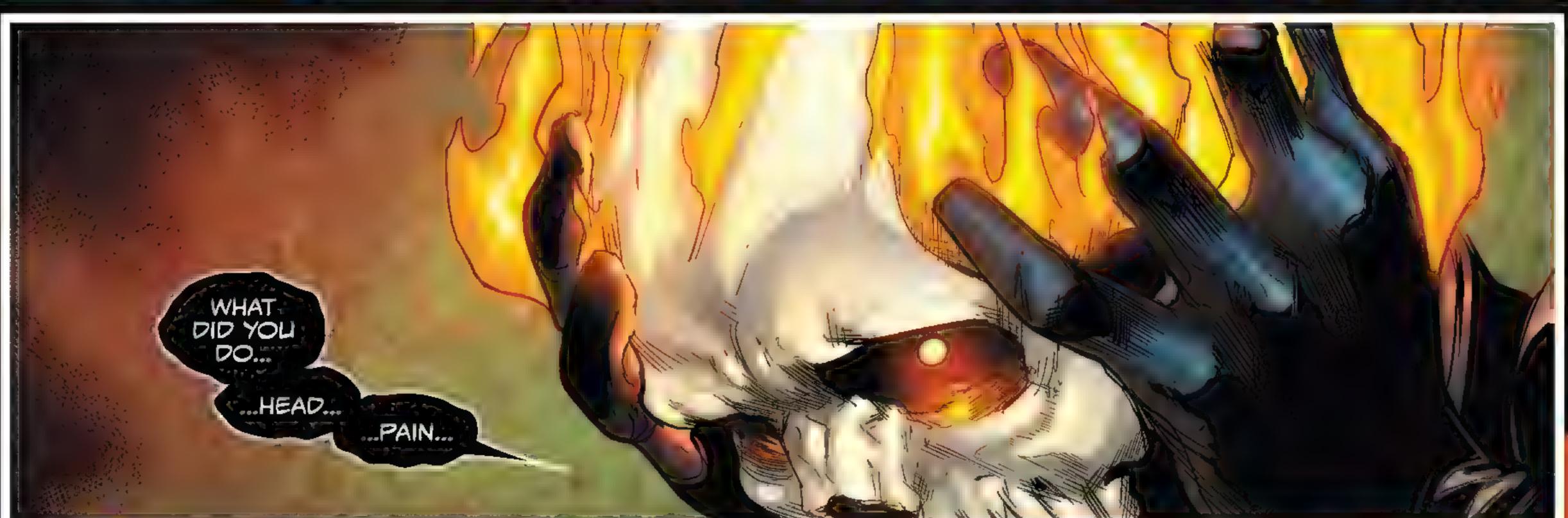












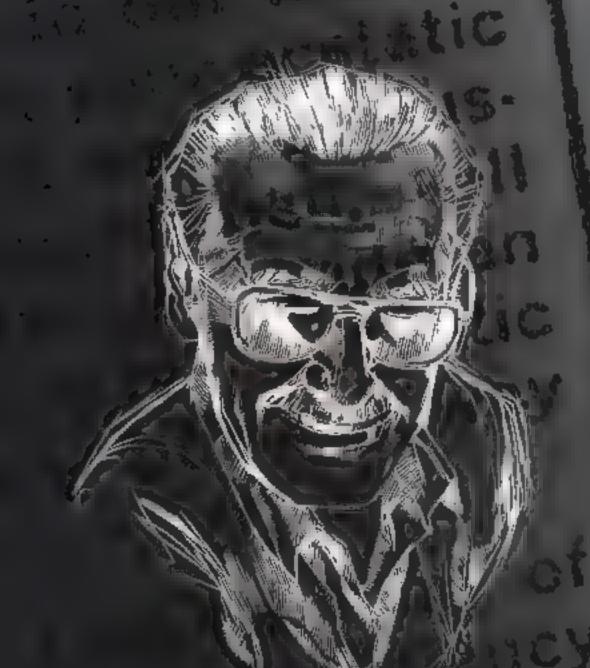




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STAN LEE FOREVER

STAN'S SOAPBOX For many years we've been trying, in our own bumbling way, to illustrate that love is a far greater force, a far greater power than hate. Now we don't mean you're expected to go around like a pirouetting Pollyanna, tossing posies at everyone who passes by, but we do want to make a point. Let's consider three men: Buddha. Christ, and Moses . . . men of peace, whose thoughts and deeds have influenced countless millions throughout the ages - and whose presence still is felt in every corner of the earth. Buddha, Christ, and Moses . . . men of good will, men of tolerance, and especially men of love. Now, consider the practitioners of hate who have sullied the pages of history. Who still venerates their words? Where is homage still paid to their memory? What banners still are raised to their cause? The power of love - and the power of hate. Which is most truly enduring? When you tend to despair . . . let the answer

sustain you. Smiley

GRAINGER, North Carolina ... our pai SAL BUSCEMA, Virginia; while Jaunty J. STERANKO and Joltin' J. CRAIG both have their pads in Pennsylvania . . . Torrid TOM SUTTON. Massachusetts · . . JIM (Madman) MOONEY, Connecticut . . . and Valiant VINCE COLLETTA, Jumpin' JOHNNY SEVERIN, and Genial GENE COLAN, all nesting in New Jersey! The rest of us share the same high taxes and traffic jams in New York and Long Island - darn it! (And we never DID find out where Honest irv holes up!)

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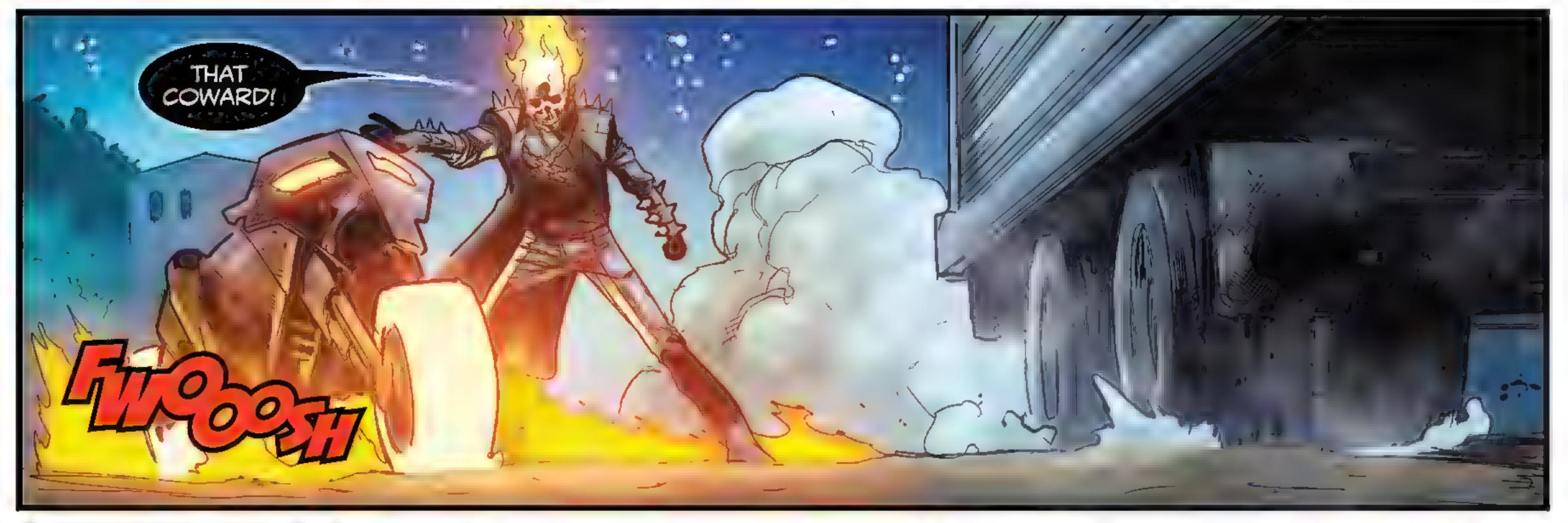


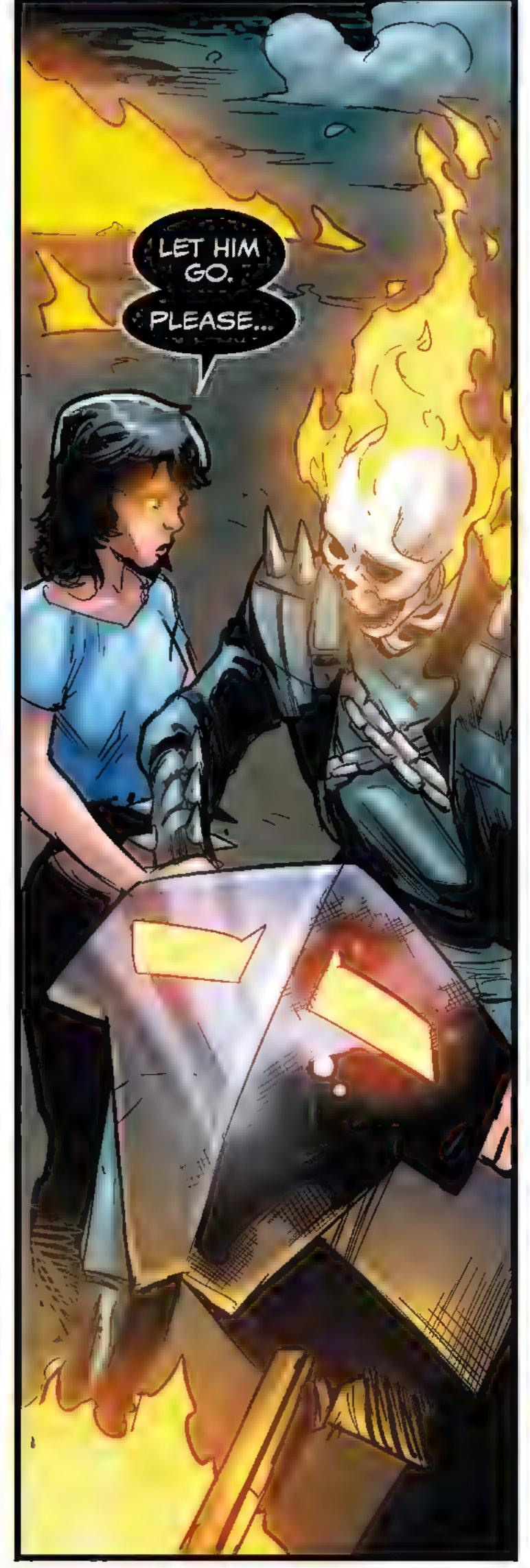


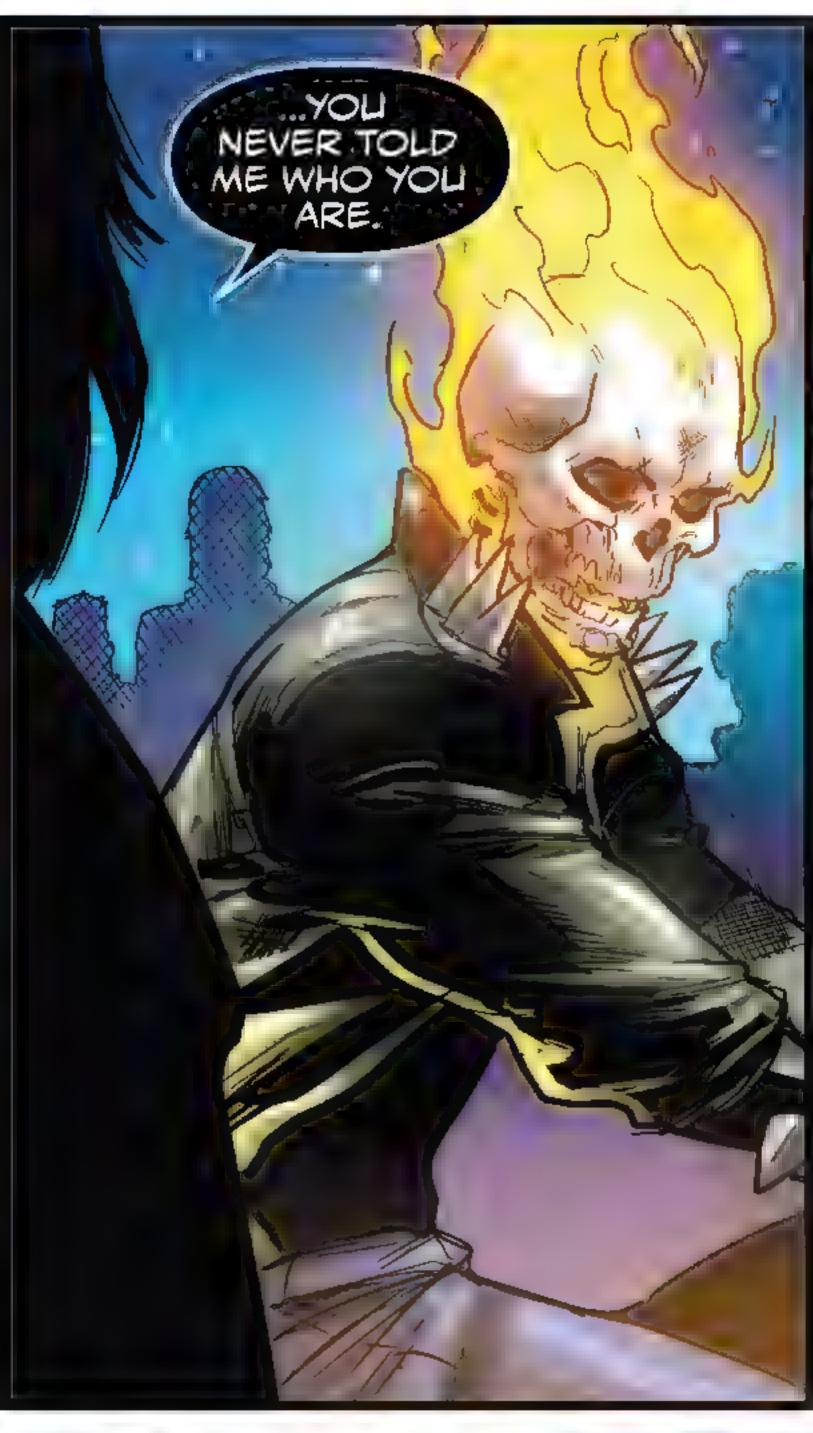


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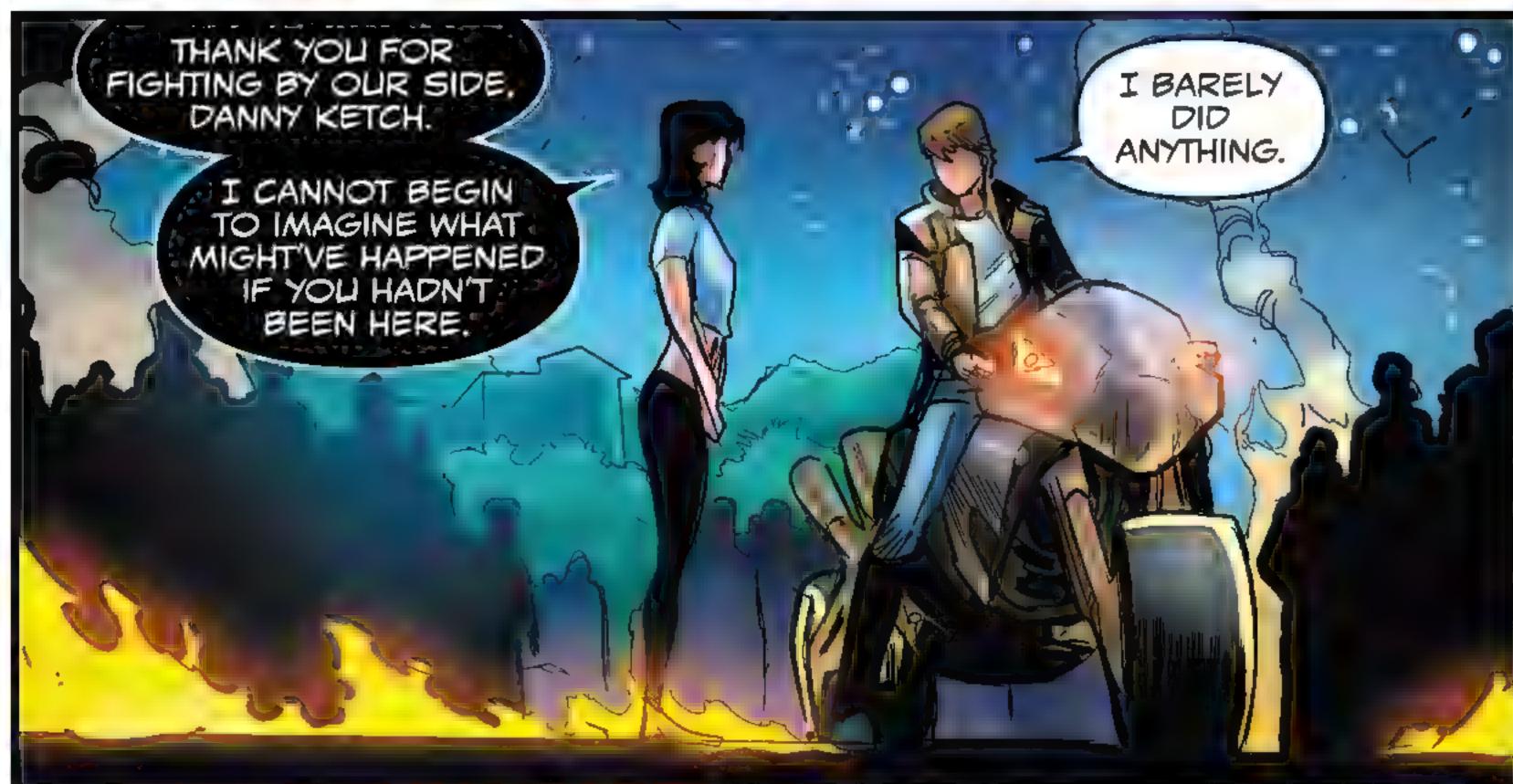


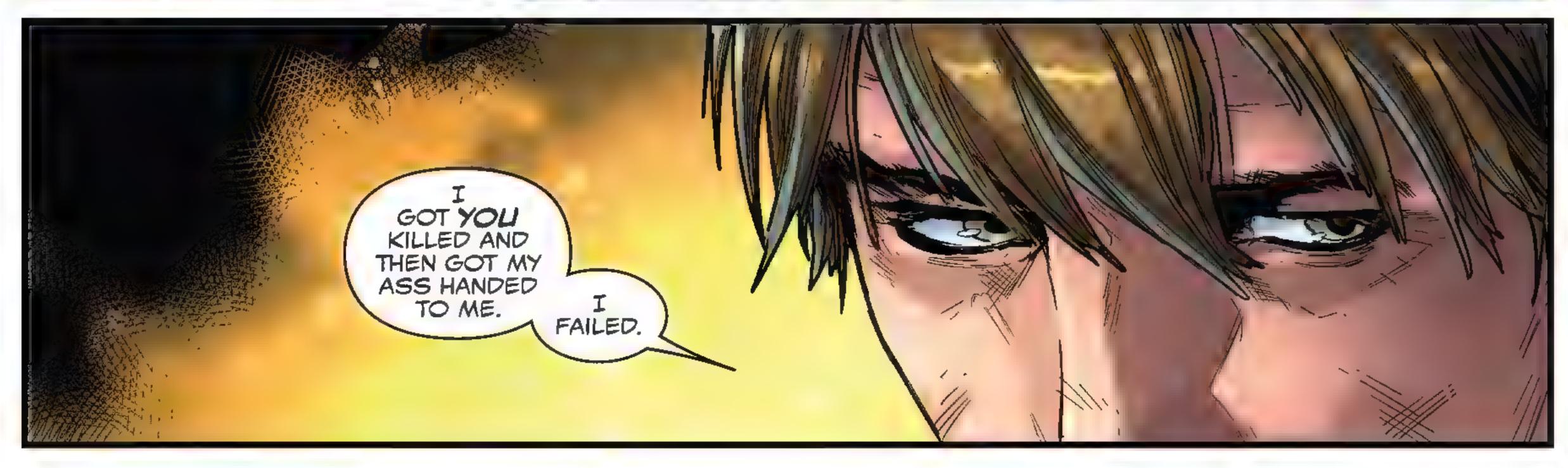
















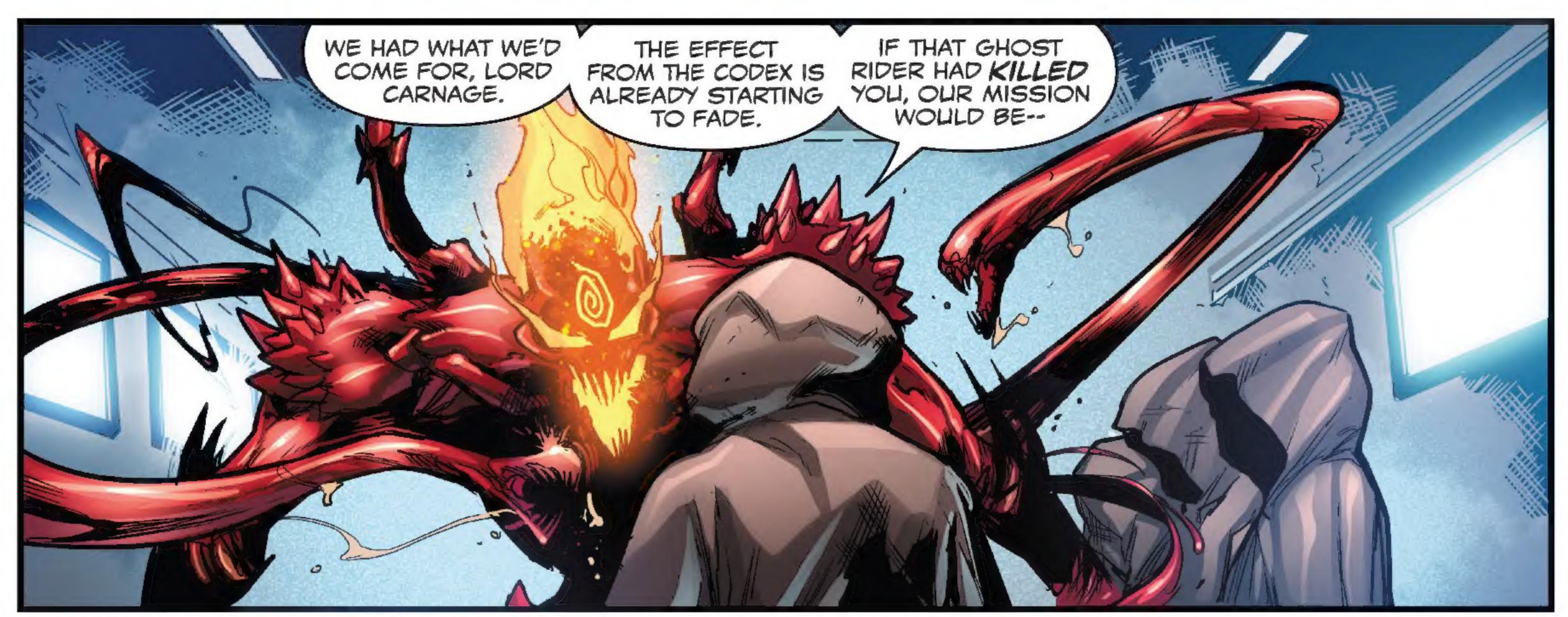
























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